

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

SUPPORTING HOUSE CONSIDERATION OF H. RES. 833, MY RESOLUTION SUPPORTING MOLDOVA'S DEMOCRACY, SOVEREIGNTY, AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY, ON APRIL 27, 2022

### HON. DAVID E. PRICE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 11, 2022*

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Madam Speaker. I rise to support H. Res. 833, a bipartisan resolution co-authored by Moldova Caucus Co-Chair, Congressman AUGUST PFLUGER, and myself, to support the Republic of Moldova's democracy, sovereignty, and territorial integrity.

I would also like to thank Chairman MEEKS for his support for strengthening U.S.-Moldova relations and his expedited consideration of this resolution on the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

Moldova is a small but significant country that achieved independence after the fall of the Soviet Union and has worked to chart its own path forward as a young democracy.

This year, we celebrate 30 years of diplomatic relations between our two countries, and I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the opportunities we have to strengthen U.S.-Moldova relations.

Today, Moldova is a bright spot in the region.

Over the last two years, the Moldovan people elected their first female president and a new parliament with a clear mandate to implement crucial governance and economic reforms, such as strengthening the capacity and independence of democratic institutions—including the judiciary, combatting corruption, expanding economic prosperity, enhancing European cooperation and integration, and increasing energy security and diversification.

Moldova is trying to do exactly what we urge on our counterparts all over the world—responding and being accountable to all of its citizens. We must support and help Moldova in these critical endeavors—particularly in the face of Russian military aggression in neighboring Ukraine.

President Putin's unprovoked and barbaric military invasion of Ukraine has grave security implications for Moldova, by virtue of its proximity and the presence of Russian-backed separatist troops in Transnistria—a breakaway region within Moldova's internationally recognized borders. Already, we are hearing of a potential false flag operation within Transnistria. We have seen this before, and we must be vigilant.

Since Putin's brutal invasion, Moldova has punched above its weight and opened its arms to hundreds of thousands fleeing Ukrainian refugees, providing them humanitarian assistance and a safe place to turn, despite limited resources.

As a country largely dependent on Russia for energy, the Moldovan government has also

worked hard to swiftly accelerate energy diversification and ensure the resilience of its infrastructure.

The United States and the international community must do all we can to provide Moldova the resources needed to succeed in these efforts, while also supporting their efforts to stay the course on implementing important governance and economic reforms. That is exactly what this resolution supports.

I've had the pleasure of visiting Moldova and welcoming Moldovans to our country many times by virtue of North Carolina's sister-state relationship with Moldova, co-chairing the Moldova Caucus, and engaging Moldovans in the parliamentary-development work of the House Democracy Partnership (HDP), which I chair.

Most recently, as HDP resumed in-person meetings, a young articulate group of Moldovan parliamentarians joined us for a five-country conference at the Marshall Center in Germany and made a significant contribution to the program.

The Moldovan Parliament has made great institutional strides, particularly since the landmark elections of 2019, and HDP looks forward to continuing engagement with them.

The North Carolina partnership, nurtured by Secretary of State Elaine Marshall and hundreds of citizen-diplomats in both countries, has been a remarkable success—which is acknowledged in this resolution. Since 1996, the North Carolina National Guard has anchored the partnership, which has now come to involve exchanges and cooperation beyond the military, including civil emergency operations, expansion of markets, humanitarian efforts, and cultural, scientific, and educational initiatives.

The resolution before us honors the achievements of independent Moldova, celebrates 30 years of cordial United States relations, urges continued progress on economic and political reform, and does all of this in full awareness of the perils Moldova faces.

It is a timely and compelling resolution, and I urge unanimous support.

IN RECOGNITION OF ED GARONE

### HON. CHRIS PAPPAS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 11, 2022*

Mr. PAPPAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Ed Garone's long history of leadership in New Hampshire and in celebration of his Golden Anniversary of the Derry Chief of Police. Ed first answered the call to service in his community in 1964 with the Lebanon Police Department and moved up the ranks over the next eight years, being named the Derry Chief of Police in 1972.

When Ed was promoted to Chief in 1972, he oversaw 16 officers. Today, he oversees more than 70 officers and runs a department of exemplary police officers and staff. He

works to ensure the safety of citizens in his community, but also for the officers he oversees. Over the years he has worked on projects that focused on bettering Derry and the community.

As Chief, Ed has continuously shown dedication to bettering the community issue by issue since the 1970s. Ed has always gone above and beyond to ensure the safety of the good people of Derry, and all Granite Staters, by spearheading efforts to combat the opioid epidemic—both in Derry and across the state.

On behalf of my constituents in New Hampshire's First Congressional District, I want to thank Ed for his continued dedication to the Granite State and to congratulate him on this momentous milestone.

HONORING PAULA MOLTZAN,  
OLYMPIC ATHLETE

### HON. ANGIE CRAIG

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 11, 2022*

Ms. CRAIG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Minnesota native Paula Moltzan for earning 12th in giant slalom, 8th in slalom, and 4th in the mixed team in the 2022 Olympic Games in Beijing.

Paula, who has been on the Olympic Alpine Team since 2012, has had an amazing track record, becoming the first American woman to win a slalom gold at Junior Worlds. During her time at the University of Vermont she was the fifth female to win the NCAA slalom title and the first freshman to do so since 1986. With her lifelong dedication to skiing, Paula is a reminder to all of us that hard work and dedication pay off.

On behalf of Minnesota's 2nd Congressional District, I applaud Paula and congratulate her on her impressive Olympic performance.

HONORING BISHOP JUAN L.  
MORRISON

### HON. RODNEY DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 11, 2022*

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Bishop Juan L. Morrison.

From a young age, Bishop Morrison was taught to love and serve others. As the son of a pastor, the values of being humble, pious, and charitable were instilled within him, forming a man devoted to his faith and community.

Academically, Bishop Morrison was driven. He received a master's degrees in Education Administration, Counseling, and Psychology, as well as a Doctorate in Philosophy. Bishop Morrison then spent thirty-five years in Springfield teaching both in the public school system and at Lincoln Land Community College.

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Not only did Bishop Morrison have an influence in the classroom but also on his faith and community. For thirty-six years, he served as the Pastor and Founder of Emmanuel Temple Church of God in Christ, as well as its superintendent, and the first Administrative Assistant.

Bishop Morrison lived a life that we all strive for. He loved his faith, his family, and his community. His impact and devotion to his faith has surely inspired many and will always be missed. My family and I send our thoughts and prayers to his wife, Clementine, to their children, Juan, Daryl, and Cheryl, and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and nieces and nephews. May Bishop Morrison rest in peace.

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MIKE LITZAU

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**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 11, 2022*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mike Litau for receiving the 2021 Pioneer Award from the Arvada Chamber of Commerce. The Pioneer Award is given to an exceptional leader in the community who has served Arvada for many years and contributed in unprecedented ways. This award is only given as needed and is regarded with the highest level of accolades for the recipient's accomplishments.

This year's winner, Mike Litau, is very well-deserving of this recognition for his many community efforts and volunteer service throughout the years. Mike served on the Arvada Chamber Board of Directors and currently sits on the Advocacy KAPS Council and Legacy Board. He was also recognized by the Chamber in 2018 with a "Behind the Scenes" Award and in 2014 as "Man of Year". Mike served on the Arvada Economic Development Association Board of Directors for 21 years, including four years as President was awarded for his distinguished service in 2014.

In addition, Mike served on the Arvada Community Food Bank (Community Table) Board of Directors for 12 years, including as President for six years. There he coordinated a capital campaign to renovate a former library building for the food bank in 2009. Mike has been a member of the Arvada Sunrise Rotary Club for 12 years, serving in leadership positions as the Treasurer for nine years and currently serves as President. Mike also serves on the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Board, the Arvada Vitality Alliance Board, and the SCU Community Foundation Board. He has also coordinated an Arvada Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) site for over ten years.

Mike has been quite the force for good in the Arvada community and has made a difference in the community as a whole with his positive attitude and smile for everyone he meets. Congratulations again to Mike Litau for this recognition from the Arvada Chamber of Commerce. I extend my deepest appreciation for his contributions to our community.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF  
CHIEF RUSS SANDERS

**HON. JOHN A. YARMUTH**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 11, 2022*

Mr. YARMUTH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Russ Sanders, former Fire Chief of my hometown of Louisville, Kentucky, and one of the American fire service's most respected and dedicated leaders.

Russ has long been an advocate for firefighter safety and health, serving as a leader in the fire service locally, nationally, and internationally for more than 50 years.

He retired in January from the National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA), where he served as a regional and international director for many years. Chief Sanders has also served as the Executive Director of the Metropolitan Fire Chiefs Association and as the leader of the NFPA's Urban Fire Forum. Before that, he served for nearly 30 years in the Louisville, KY Fire Department, his last nine years as Chief of the Department.

Sanders obtained his Bachelor of Arts Degree, a Master of Education Degree, and a Master of Science Degree—all from the University of Louisville. Russ is also a graduate of the National Fire Academy's Executive Fire Officer Program and Harvard University's Senior Executive in State and Local Government Program.

Russ has dedicated his life to the advocacy of the fire service in the United States, tackling issues from firefighter health and safety to the development of fire and life safety standards, codes, and policies designed to protect the public. He also served as a subject matter expert on several major fire research studies conducted by the National Institute of Standards and Technology.

Chief Sanders is admired and respected by his peers in the United States and Internationally. In 2019, the Congressional Fire Services Institute (CFSI) acknowledged his contributions to the U.S. fire service by recognizing him as the recipient of the CFSI's Annual Mason Lankford Fire Service Leadership Award for his exemplary leadership.

Russ' dedication to making the fire service stronger, more effective, and safer has directly touched the lives of every firefighter in this country—and the American people are safer today because of his efforts. Madam Speaker, it is my privilege and honor to recognize Chief Russ Sanders for his leadership and years of service to my city, to our nation, and to his fellow firefighters.

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RECOGNIZING RICHARD AND  
DIANE WOJTCOWICZ

**HON. BRIAN HIGGINS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 11, 2022*

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor the service of Richard and Diane Wojtowicz to their community of Williamsville, NY. Members of the Williamsville community for almost 50 years, the Wojtowicz have both spent their careers working to improve and strengthen the quality of life in their town.

A graduate of Canisius College and the current Director of Corporate Relations for Mainstream Funding Systems, Mr. Wojtowicz is a former Town Councilman and has lifelong experience in service to the Williamsville area. Mrs. Wojtowicz is a graduate of Bryant & Stratton College and is Executive Secretary to the Chief Executive Officer of Mainstream Funding Systems. Through her involvement in many community organizations and her volunteer work, Mrs. Wojtowicz has shown she is equally devoted to our community.

Mr. and Mrs. Wojtowicz currently serve on the Buffalo-Niagara Heritage Village Board of Trustees. As members of the Board of Trustees, they strive to preserve the history and cultural heritage of the Buffalo Niagara Region.

As members of the Amherst Symphony Orchestra Board, Mr. and Mrs. Wojtowicz are avid supporters of the arts. Mr. Wojtowicz is a musician himself, playing drums professionally with many western New York bands, and Mrs. Wojtowicz's appreciation for the arts is apparent through her volunteer work with the Amherst Symphony Orchestra. Arts in the western New York area are fueled by the support of community members like the Wojtowiczs.

Mr. and Mrs. Wojtowicz have further dedicated themselves to the Williamsville community through their service to the youth community. Mrs. Wojtowicz serves currently as the vice president of the Amherst Youth Foundation Board, and Mr. Wojtowicz is the Foundation's current secretary. While serving as Town Councilman, Mr. Wojtowicz was the board's liaison to the Recreation Department, the Youth Board, the Library, and the Government Studies Committee. He also served as a consultant to Junior Achievement, helping young people develop the skills to succeed in today's economy. Through their service, Mr. and Mrs. Wojtowicz have shown a commitment to helping future generations of Williamsville residents.

As is exemplified by previous recognition they have earned, the Wojtowiczs are valued members of their community. In appreciation for her work with Rotary International, Mrs. Wojtowicz was awarded the "Unsung Hero" award. For his generosity and care, Mr. Wojtowicz has been honored by Rotary International with the "Rotarian of the Year" award, "Service Above Self Award," and many "Paul Harris" recognition awards. Mr. Wojtowicz also received the "Businessman of the Year" award from the General Pulaski Association of Western New York.

Dedicated to bettering the Amherst-Williamsville area, the Wojtowicz's contributions to the arts, youth engagement, and local business have left a lasting impact. Our community is indebted to Richard and Diane Wojtowicz for their exemplary and selfless actions. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. and Mrs. Wojtowicz for everything they have done over the years to better the lives of their fellow Williamsville residents.

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HONORING ARMY SERGEANT  
DARBY MORIN

**HON. TOM EMMER**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 11, 2022*

Mr. EMMER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Army Sergeant